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**STATUS INQUIRY**

This application was filed on October 6, 1994. On February 6, 1997, the United States Patent and Trademark Office issued a communication indicating that all of the pending claims in this application are allowable but that ex parte prosecution is suspended due to a potential interference.

On March 20, 2003, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office issued another communication indicating that prosecution was suspended for six months and instructed Applicants to inquire into the status at the end of that six month period. Accordingly, Applicants request an immediate investigation into the status of this application and potential interference.

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